FOREST AFFAIRS—COMPLAINT FROM NETTISSERI, OLLUKKARA, ETC.

325. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have received any petition from Erinjeri Antony Poranchu and others of Nettisseri, Ollukkara villages in Kanni first week complaining about the conduct of certain Forest Officers;

(*b*) if so, will they be pleased to print and place on the table of the House a copy of the petition;

(*c*) what action has been taken in the matter;

(*d*) the number of cases charged under the Forest Act in 1114 by the Paravattani Forester;

(*e*) the fines and compounding fees received by the Government from the offenders in cases referred to in (*d*)?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petition is placed on the Council table.

(*c*) The matter was enquired into and the allegations found to be baseless.

(*d*) There are 2 Paravattani Foresters, one in charge of Paravattani East and the other of Paravattani West Sub-range. 45 cases were charged by the West Paravattani Forester and 24 by the East Paravattani Forester.

(*e*) Rs. 524—0—0.

TRAMWAY WORKSHOP—SAW-MILL SECTION—LEASE OF

326. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the period for which the saw-mill section of the Tramway workshop has been leased to the Anamalais Timber Trust, Ltd., and

(*b*) will the Government kindly state whether enquiries were made of other persons whether they were prepared to take up the workshop on lease for a sum more than rupees nine hundred per annum?

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Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*:
(*a*) From Chingam 1110 until further notice.
(*b*) No.

ANAMALAIS TIMBER TRUST LTD.—RECOVERY OF DEFAULTED AMOUNT

327. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the amount defaulted by the Anamalais Timber Trust, Ltd., to the extent of approximately Rs. 16,000 has been recovered in 1114 or after ?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*: Yes, in 1114.

TRAMWAY EARNINGS BY TRANSPORT OF TIMBER

328. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount earned by the Tramway on account of the transport of the timber of private parties; and

(*b*) the amount adjusted as received on account of the transport of Government timber, the figures for the latter being calculated at the same rates as are charged to private parties? (The information required is for the years 1113 and 1114).

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests)*:

(*a*) 1113 .. Rs. 33,213—0—0.
1114 .. Rs. 30,819—0—0.
(*b*) 1113 .. Rs. 43,481—0—0.
1114 .. Rs. 48,265—0—0.

Note—(*i*) The figures against reply to (*b*) represent the amounts actually adjusted. The amounts adjustable to the accounts according to the rates sanctioned for Government timber, were.—

1113 .. Rs. 50,656—0—0.
1114 .. Rs. 41,098—0—0.

(*ii*) Transport charges on Government timber calculated at rates charged to private parties will work up as follows.—

1113 .. Rs. 74,474—0—0.
1114 .. Rs. 56,434—0—0.

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